The Park Waited Until I Was Leaving

A Brief Sun Halo Sequence

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I was getting ready to leave the park when something in me said, look up. I noticed the color with the naked eye before I began taking pictures. Over a few short minutes, a partial sun halo revealed itself in stages—first as a bright wash around the sun, then as a clearer band, then as a fuller arc through thin haze.

The shape did not stay fixed. It shifted as I kept looking and as the angle changed. What follows is a five-image sequence from that brief moment: ordinary optics, perhaps, but unusual in everyday noticing and memorable in timing.

No claims, no fixed meaning—just a small sky event, a timely nudge to look up, and the gentle proof that a few minutes can become a field note.

Photo 1. First hint: bright sun, faint halo, and the first sense that the sky was changing.

Photo 2. The halo reveals itself in a more upright band, visible for only a brief moment through thin haze.

Photo 3. A broader arc emerges. The event becomes clearer as the color curves above the sun.

Photo 4. The arc and the haze above it. A misty, image-like cloud formation appeared over the halo while the shape continued to shift.

Photo 5. Final tree-framed view. The rainbow arc softens into the sky as the moment settles back toward ordinary blue.

Closing Note

This sequence lasted only a few minutes and then softened back into ordinary sky. I had not seen this happen here before. The halo did not appear all at once; it revealed itself in stages.

The images are offered as a simple field note: a brief sun halo at the park, observed with the naked eye and photographed as it changed. One image also includes a misty, figure-like impression in the haze above the arc, noted gently as part of what was seen.

Bless the timing. Bless the ordinary sky for briefly refusing to stay flat.

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